

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (original) A filled, sealed and optionally labeled safety container for biologically active substances having an increased or high fracture strength and shatterproof strength, and a contamination-free outer surface, the container having a hollow body having at least one opening, one closure each per opening, optionally a label, and comprising at least one biologically active substance filled into the hollow body, characterized in that a coating has been applied completely or partially to the filled, sealed and optionally labeled container.

Claims 2-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims; claim 1,~~ characterized in that the container is manufactured from glass and/or plastic.

7. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims; claim 1,~~ characterized in that at least one closure comprises a rubber stopper and a crimped cap.

Claim 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims; claim 1,~~ characterized in that the biologically active substance has a liquid, solid or amorphous physical state at room temperature.

10. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 1, characterized in that the biologically active substance is a cytotoxic substance.

11. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 10, characterized in that the cytotoxic substance has been selected from the group consisting of ifosfamide, cyclophosphamide, trofosfamide, mafosfamide, S303, mitoxantrone, LHRH antagonists and glufosfamide.

Claims 12-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 1, characterized in that the container is treated with a medium containing at least one polymer which has been selected from the group consisting of powder, dispersion, emulsion, suspension and solution.

18. (currently amended) The safety container as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 17, characterized in that at least one polymer which is contained in the medium has been selected from the group consisting of poly-urethane, polyester and polyester-polyurethane mixtures.

19. (original) A process for the production of filled, sealed and optionally labeled safety containers for biologically active substances having increased or high fracture strength and shatterproof strength, and a contamination-free outer surface, the container comprising a hollow body having at least one opening, one closure each per opening, optionally a label, and at least one biologically active substance filled into the hollow body, and a coating having been applied completely or partially to the outside of the filled, sealed and optionally labeled container, characterized by the steps i)

treatment of the filled, sealed and optionally labeled container with a medium which contains at least one polymer, and ii) drying of the container treated with the medium.

20. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that the safety container is provided with a label before or after the application of the coating.

21. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that before the treatment the filled, sealed and optionally labeled container is treated with a wash medium.

22. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that the treatment is carried out at approximately room temperature.

23. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that the drying is carried out at approximately room temperature.

24. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that the coating has been applied to the container completely or almost completely.

Claims 25-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~, claim 19, characterized in that the biologically active substance is a cytotoxic substance.

Claim 30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~,
claim 19, characterized in that the treatment has been carried out by spraying.

32. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~,
claim 31, characterized in that the spraying has been carried out by use of shear forces
(e.g. use of a nozzle) and/or use of flow forces (e.g. use of a rotating disk).

33. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~,
claim 19, characterized in that the treatment has been carried out by immersion.

34. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~,
claim 19, characterized in that the treatment has been carried out by application of a
powder.

Claims 35-39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) ~~The use of a medium which contains at least one polymer~~ A method for the decontamination of the an outer surface, and for the increase in the fracture strength and shatterproof strength, of a container for biologically active substances filled with a biologically active substance, sealed and optionally labeled, the container comprising a hollow body provided with at least one opening, one closure each per opening, a marking and at least one biologically active substance filled into the hollow body and body, the decontamination being carried out by comprising application of a coating to the outside of the filled, sealed and optionally labeled container by treatment with a medium which contains at least one polymer.

Claims 41-56. (canceled)